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**Official****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
TO EXAMINER'S COMMENTS**

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In response to the Office Action dated 4/24/00, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the claims:**

21 Amend claim 1 to read

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1 1. (twice amended) A method of characterizing a skin lesion wherein the absorption and  
2 scattering of light in different spectral bands by the skin lesion is a function of the  
3 condition of the skin, the method comprising:  
4 illuminating a portion of the skin *in vivo* including the region of interest by light in at least three  
5 spectral bands, one of which is a blue spectral band;  
6 digitally imaging a portion of the skin including the region of interest at the at least three spectral

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